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Koreans Move Pueblo

The North Koreans have moved the captured U.S. Navy intelligence ship Pueblo from Wonsan harbor, where it first was towed when seized last Jan. 23, the State Department confirmed yesterday.

Winthrop G. Brown, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea and now a special assistant to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, disclosed the move to a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee two weeks ago. Some committee members, according to UPI, think the Pueblo may have been taken to North Korea's Chong Jin, which is nearer the Soviet border.

State Department officials declined to indicate how they knew the Pueblo had come to be moved, or where or when. There is some speculation that the North Koreans might have wanted to move the Pueblo further away from the South Korean border to forestall any possible recapture.

Whatever the North Korean motives, officials feel certain the move is no indication that the North Koreans are about to return the Pueblo or the surviving 82 members of its crew.